

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER: Addressing Community Revitalization through Neighborhood Conservation Districts

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This research paper presents a comprehensive overview of neighborhood revitalization's accruing benefits from conservation district designation. From essential characteristics that make a good neighborhood conservation district ordinance to how residents can revitalize the appearance of their property after a neighborhood conservation district has been implemented, research shows that neighborhood conservation districts can provide advantages to existing homeowners, prospective homebuyers, investors, the neighborhood in general, and the community at-large. The potential for associated advantages increases with awareness of conservation and neighborhood revitalization efforts. Utilizing existing neighborhood conservation district examples as models and current market conditions, this study demonstrates to city officials, non-profit agencies, and private partners that conservation districts are a good tool for encouraging reinvestment and rehabilitation in distressed neighborhoods as they can provide existing homeowners, prospective homebuyers, and investors with the opportunity to make wise investments in growing communities.